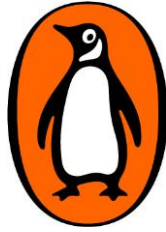




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# **NATIONAL TEEN BOOK CLUB**

Handbook: *Skin of the Sea*

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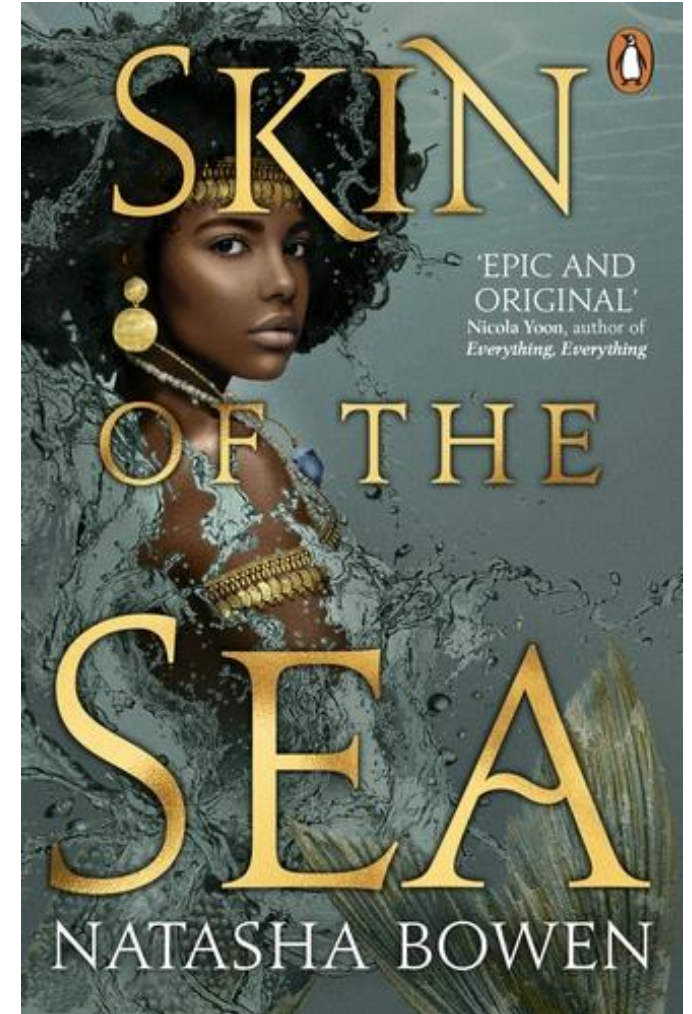
# NTBC and our featured book

National Teen Book Club (NTBC) brings together 11 to 19 year olds from state schools and colleges across the UK in a shared, virtual book club.

We asked our Book Clubbers what theme they wanted for 2022/2023 and they chose Mental Health and Wellbeing. All of our books will present opportunities to consider and explore this theme, often from new angles.

Over four weeks, **18<sup>th</sup> January – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Wednesdays at 3.30-4.30pm**, attendees will read *Skin of the Sea* by Natasha Bowen. Discounted copies are available for NTBC attendees.

**Trigger warnings:** racism and depictions of violence, enslavement, death, suicide and murder.



# Purchasing your book



Schools and colleges can order **hard-copies** of *Skin of the Sea* for groups at 50% discount (£4.49 each) through Penguin. Following sign-up to National Teen Book Club, we share specific purchase instructions.

**N.B.** Penguin advise that orders for hard-copies should be placed **minimum two weeks before** they are required. If you sign-up for National Teen Book Club after this time, we advise that you follow our instructions to buy eBooks or audiobooks for your groups instead.

## **Please ensure you read the following information about hard-copy orders:**

- Once a school or college emails their order for hard-copies, they will receive an invoice. Orders will only be processed once the invoice has been paid in full via bank transfer or over the phone – these details are stated on the invoice.
- Once payment has been made at your end, it may take around 2 working days for payment to be received and allocated to your order. Payments are usually processed more quickly over the phone.
- Once payment has been received by Penguin, your books will be shipped. Delivery is approximately 7 working days; however, please be aware that postal strikes are delaying deliveries.

# Purchasing your book

National Teen Book Club attendees can use our discount codes to purchase **eBooks** for 99p and **audiobooks** for £1.99 via Google Play.

**N.B.** Each person / account can only use our discount codes once.

If you have signed up to this cycle of National Teen Book Club but haven't received purchase instructions yet, please email [ntbc@speakersforschools.org](mailto:ntbc@speakersforschools.org).

If you haven't signed up yet, head to our [webpage](#) and click the Educator Registration button:



Sign up your students to connect online with other 11 to 19-year-olds from state schools and colleges for our shared virtual Book Club in partnership with Penguin.

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# Reading schedule, speakers & surveys



As we discuss *Skin of the Sea* each week in breakout rooms, it's preferable that students keep on top of their reading.

- **For Week 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> January:** No reading necessary!
- **For Week 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> January:** Pages 1 – 100 (Chapters 1 – 10)
- **For Week 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Pages 101 – 207 (Chapters 11 – 18)
- **For Week 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Pages 208 – 303 (Chapters 19 – end)

Do encourage students to take breaks or skip parts if needed – they can still join in the activities and discussion. **However**, there will be spoilers during sessions, especially in the live Q&A with *Skin of the Sea* author Natasha Bowen.

Attendees will also hear from speakers in the industry or with a passion for reading or links to the book – and they'll be answering your questions during our weekly events! Students should complete our [pre-programme survey](#), where they can also submit advance questions for our speakers. Once our final session of the cycle has taken place, please complete our post-programme surveys: for [students](#) / [educators](#).

# Live sessions & resources




Our weekly online sessions are delivered using **Microsoft Teams** and access links will be emailed out to you. We recommend downloading the Microsoft Teams application if you can.

Join us ready for a 3.30pm start on Wednesdays by clicking the link – you'll be held in the virtual lobby until then. We ask that you join on mute and stay on mute throughout the session (when in the main call).

If your camera is on during the main call, please ensure you and your students are not doing anything to distract other attendees or the speaker, otherwise we may have to remove you from the call.

Breakout rooms are an opportunity for your group to interact with others, so please try to turn on your microphone and camera at this point if you can – using video and audio will help everyone to get the most out of the experience and create that Club-feel! Educators will need to facilitate discussion within their setting and with other schools and colleges. Attendees will also be able to share thoughts via the chat and ask questions to our speakers using this function too.




# Live sessions & resources



We record our sessions and upload them for participants onto Speakers for School pages online. This means that if any of your students are unable to attend, they'll be able to watch the recording back.

It is the responsibility of the school/college to manage permissions for engagement as per any social media/photography/audio recording/video recording Consent Forms they/their parents or guardians have signed with the school/college. Please review our Data Protection Policy and our Safeguarding Policy. We have a Consent Form available for you to pass onto parents if you wish. This is to gain permission from parents/guardians for their child's attendance and to direct them to our policies as well.

We know things may come up for you too: rest assured that any adult facilitator is able to cover a National Teen Book Club session. All they will need to do is ask students our Book Club questions. We also have a [Seenit Activity Pack](#) to explore on our website as an additional or alternative resource – you may wish to use this with your students if they are behind on their reading and want to avoid any spoilers that may be discussed in the breakout rooms.





# Seenit



Seenit is a fantastic way to practise communication and presentation skills and to represent National Teen Book Club! Young people can complete offline activities via Seenit in between live sessions and have your group's work showcased during our weekly events.

Students can speak to camera or make a video of their written words if they would prefer not to be filmed, we don't mind either way! Type in the project ID to complete the relevant activity and record each line/clip according to the time limit. These can be re-recorded until you are happy with them.

Download the Seenit app from [IOS](#) or [Android](#) app stores in advance of National Teen Book Club starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.





# Competitions

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As participants in National Teen Book Club, students can explore their creative freedom, build storytelling and/or illustration skills and **WIN PRIZES** with our optional competitions:

## Creative Writing

**Prize:** The top four submissions will receive written feedback from an editor.

## Illustration

**Prize:** The top four submission will receive a masterclass with a book cover designer.

## TikTok

**Prize:** The top TikToker will win a free YA fiction book.

**A brief for each competition will be shared during our first live session.**

# Competitions

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If students are entering our creative writing and illustration competitions, digital versions of written pieces and artworks will need to be emailed to [ntbc@speakersforschools.org](mailto:ntbc@speakersforschools.org) before the competition deadline of **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 9pm.**

Creative writing and illustration competitions winners aged 14-19 will also have their work published in our [National Digital Library and Exhibition](#). A consent form must be completed for this. Winners aged 11-13 will not be able to have their work published online, but will still receive our prizes!

TikToks needs to be uploaded before the same deadline **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 9pm** – videos must tag **@speakersforschools** to ensure we see it!



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# Code of Conduct



We want National Teen Book Club to be a fun, positive and inclusive environment. Educators and students can help us achieve this by following our Code of Conduct:

- **Be on time** – Our live sessions start at 3.30pm. Click the link to access the live session just beforehand.
- **Be kind & respectful** – It's important to support one another and help each other with tasks during activities. This will help develop teamwork and listening skills.
- **Be considerate** – Stay on mute when others are talking. Don't use inappropriate language.
- **Be safe** – Do not share your personal details with anyone in the chat or in any other form. When in breakout rooms, groups can return to the main call or raise your hand if you need to speak to the host.
- **Be proactive** – Contribute to conversations with other attendees via the chat as well as in breakout rooms using your camera and microphone, if you can. Submit questions for speakers during the Q&A, as well as for Speakers for Schools if you're unsure of anything; it's the best way for your group to learn and get the most out of the experience.

# Code of Conduct: Misconduct



In the event an attendee's conduct, language or behaviour is inappropriate or disrespectful we will:

- Give a verbal warning to all & a written warning in the chat function in Microsoft Teams.
- They will be removed from the session if conduct does not improve.

There is a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of racism, homophobia, transphobia, violence, threatening behaviour and extremism. Anyone found to have instigated or participated in incidents of this nature will be immediately removed from the National Teen Book Club and potentially barred from future participation with Speakers for Schools opportunities.

If you experience any issues or want to talk to us about something that has happened, please contact Speakers for Schools via this email address [ntbc@speakersforschools.org](mailto:ntbc@speakersforschools.org) and we will get this sorted.

